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SUBJECT Question of the Day: Admiral Turner

NEWSCASTER: That question of the day on the WRC Direct Line was: Do you think CIA Director Stansfield Turner should be fired for his decision to drastically reduce the number of CIA operatives in the field. Here's what some of our listeners thought.

WOMAN: I think that man that is doing those veterans that way, he should be fired, not the veterans. He must understand those veterans have given their lives for 20 years. Now why take the advantage?

I hope and trust God that he will be removed, because I think he is a terrible person even to be in the United States.

MAN: Admiral Turner has put the CIA in drydock and is scraping off its barnacles. If he is doing anything illegal or improper the fired CIA agents will certainly expose him down to the last misdemeanor. He should be given a free hand to prove his worth and competence.

The CIA should be kept as clean as a hound's tooth. It is not a welfare program.

SECOND MAN: I think I concur with Mr. Buchanan's viewpoint as expressed this morning that Stansfield Turner should consider -- or be compelled to resign by the President. The morale of the Agency would appear to be permanently decimated just as the FBI was a few years ago, and may still be.

SECOND WOMAN: I think Stansfield Turner should be given the pink slip of two sentences and turned out of office by January 1st. I think he's an awful man and he's making a lot of -- losing the morale in the CIA. And hence, he's not a fit man to run that

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THIRD MAN: Admiral Turner should be given his pink slip to get out of the CIA by January 1st of 1978. It appears to me he is on a witch hunt in the firing of people who have been in the CIA for 20 years.

NEWSCASTER: Well, that's what some of our listeners thought. Seventy-two percent of the callers are in favor of the firing of Stansfield Turner, Director of the CIA, for his plans to dismiss veteran CIA agents. Twenty-eight percent of our callers say he deserves a chance to show what he can do as CIA Director.